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PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS FOR THE CONTROLLED **RELEASE OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES** 

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2. [] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

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Descriptive title of the Invention

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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- **Detailed Description**
- Claim(s)
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4. [X] Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 5]

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6. [] Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

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7. [] CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or computer

program (Appendix)

8. [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. [] Computer Readable Form
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)

[] Power of Attorney

English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

[] Copies of IDS Citations

13. [X] Preliminary Amendment

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15. [] Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below, and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet:

[X] Continuation

[] Divisional

[] Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. 10/055,962

Prior Application Information: Examiner Amy E. Pulliam

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